

Master of Science in Nursing: Nurse-Midwifery

The Master of Science in Nursing (MSN): Nurse-Midwifery program provides the student with the necessary skills and knowledge to assume the role of a Certified Nurse-Midwife in a variety of clinical settings. Didactic and course content focuses on role development and the assessment and management of women's health (antepartal, intrapartal, postpartal, and neonatal periods, as well as primary women's health) throughout the lifespan. The program can be completed in 2 years full time with summer courses. A part-time program is available as well.

Cohorts are established annually in the Fall. Part-time students may begin in the Spring. Core courses are offered on campus on Wednesday and Thursday. Midwifery courses are offered on campus for one full intensive week each Fall and Spring with the remainder of the courses offered online. Students are encouraged to explore clinical site placement in their home communities and will be assisted by SU clinical site coordinators.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Graduate application and \$30 application fee
- Earned BSN degree from CCNE or ACEN (previously NLNAC) accredited institution with minimum 3.0 GPA
- Unofficial transcripts for initial admission
- Three references, at least one from previous faculty who can attest to academic ability, and two from individuals who can attest to clinical expertise
- Resume/C.V.
- Essay answering the following questions:
 - How will this degree advance your professional goals?
 - What is your research area of interest?
- 2,080 RN clinical work hours prior to specialty courses
- Copy of current RN license
- Interview with graduate nursing faculty may be required
- Successful completion of BSN courses in Physical Assessment, Introductory Statistics, and Community Nursing with a grade of "C" or better
- Language Proficiency Requirement must be met. Submission of TOEFL, PTE, or Duolingo English Test may be required. See our policy for full details: <https://www.su.edu/admissions/international-students>
- Upon admission up-to-date immunizations and health records, a criminal background check, a urine drug screen, and a BCLS from AHA only will be required

*For International Students who require an F-1, I-20 visa, due limited on-campus credit hours, F-1 visas **are not** issued for this program.*

TRANSFER CREDITS

- Only grades of "B" or higher are transferable.
- A maximum of 6 credit hours are transferable.

WHERE TO BEGIN

- Apply online now by visiting www.su.edu/sonapp.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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- Admission Questions: Becky Zentmayer, Administrative Assistant for Midwifery Programs, rzentmay@su.edu

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The degree requirement is 44 semester hours with a grade point average of 3.0 or better. Minimum grade of "B" required in all specialty courses. The midwifery curriculum includes at least 700 clinical hours. Since the length and timing of birth is unpredictable, students may require additional hours to gain enough experiences to successfully meet the ACNM Core Competencies for Basic Midwifery Practice 2012.

| Courses | Credits |
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| Data Interpretation & Informatics | 3 |
| Theory, Research, & Reasoning I | 3 |
| Theory, Research, and Reasoning II | 3 |
| Advanced Practice Role, Ethics & Policy | 3 |
| Advanced Pharmacology & Therapeutics | 3 |
| Advanced Concepts in Physiology & Pathophysiology | 3 |
| Advanced Health Promotion & Assessment Across the Lifespan | 4 |
| Primary Care of Women (plus Practicum) | 2(1)* |
| Comprehensive Antepartal Care (plus Practicum) | 2(1)* |
| Midwifery Practicum | (3)* |
| Comprehensive Perinatal Care (plus Practicum) | 2(1)* |
| Integrated Midwifery Practicum | (5)* |
| Evidence-Based Practice Project | 1 |
| Advanced Practice Role Development | 1 |
| Graduate Elective | 3 |
| Total | 44 |

* Courses that have both didactic and clinical credits. Clinical credits are in parenthesis.

* Normally, our clock hour to clinical credit is 4:1; however, in courses with an IP clinical component, the number of experiences should be sufficient to meet students' learning needs.

Shenandoah University's Nurse-Midwifery program is accredited by the:
Accreditation Commission for Midwifery Education
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